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The "Weekly News" is designed to be a medium of value to the personnel of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Its purpose is to enhance the functional activity of the Bureau as a whole by keeping the various divisions and sections uniformly abreast of changes, proposals and advances which bear directly upon the Bureau's work. The ultimate value of the "Weekly News" as an information medium will be contingent upon the kind of cooperation that is given to the collection of news by those who will be most directly benefitted and upon whom the efficient function of the Bureau depends. Paralleling the growth and responsibilities of the Navy in meeting its war problems the work of this Bureau grows and expands in direct proportion. The interests and efforts of all Bureau personnel in making the "Weekly News" the unifying link of the divisions and sections of the Bureau is greatly desired.

SPEECHES & ADDRESSES

Surgeon General

Feb. 5: Regional Conference, American College of Surgeons, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. Captain W. J. C. Agnew, (MC), USN., representing the Surgeon General.

Feb. 13: Graduating Class, University of Marquette, Medical School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Feb. 15: 39th Congress on Medical Education, Licensure, American Medical Association, on "Medicine and War," Red Lacquer Room, Palmer Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

March 22: Graduating Class, University of Syracuse, Medical School, Syracuse, New York.

Assistant Chief of Bureau

Feb. 9: Rear Admiral L. Sheldon, Jr., (MC), USN., will represent the BuMed at the ceremony in which he and Surgeon General James C. McGehee, United States Army, will present the E award to Merck

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and Co., Inc., Manufacturing Chemists, Rahway, N. J.

Captain J. C. Adams, (MC), USN

Feb. 7: Symposium on Aviation Medicine, under the auspices of the Department of Ophthalmology, Boston City Hospital, on "Aviation Medicine in the U.S. Navy," at Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Commander T. J. Carter, (MC), USN

Feb. 2: Regional Conference on Social Hygiene, on "New Patterns In Venereal Disease Control," as seen by the Navy Medical Officer" at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

CONFERENCES

Captain H. H. Montgomery, (MC), USN

Feb. 3 to 5: Physical qualifications relating to "Recruiting and Induction." Medical officers attending and assigned: Capt. Ardenne A. Scott, (MC), USN; Comdr. George B. Byrd, (MC), USNR; Comdr. John R. Agnew, (MC), USNR; Comdr. John J. Freymann, (MC), USNR (turn over)

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Lt. Comdr. Edwin De Costa, (MC), USNR
Lt. Comdr. David R. Davis, (MC), USNR
Lt. Comdr. Howard P. Griffen, (MC), USNR
Lt. Comdr. Le Roy B. Duggan, (MC), USNR
Lt. Comdr. Richard W. Hughes, (MC), USN
(Ret)

Feb. 5: (By invitation) Lt. Comdr.
R. B. Bigelow, (MC), USNR., attended
the conference of the Section of Psy-
chology, New York Academy of Sciences,
New York, N. Y.

MEETINGS

Feb. 19 at 10 A.M.: Committee on Gas
Casualties at the National Academy-
Research Council Building, 2101 Con-
stitution Ave. (For information Re-
search Division).

HOSPITAL FACILITIES

Feb. 5: Existing facilities in Naval
hospitals in the United States and the
current construction program will pro-
vide approximately 40,000 beds, June 30,
1943. The planned expansion for 1944 is
20,000 additional beds, in hospitals, by
expansion of present facilities, by ac-
quisition of existing structures such as
hotels, or possibly by construction of
naval hospitals at various sites.

The section of Neuropsychiatry, rec-
ommends the acquisition of additional
hospitals for the care and treatment of
casualties returning from combat areas
and ships, suffering from nervous mani-
festations in conjunction with fatigue
and exhaustive states. The strenuous
nature of duty performed under present
day combat conditions has greatly in-
creased the number of patients returned
to the United States suffering with var-
ious neurotic syndromes which will re-
quire intensive specialized psychothera-
peutic treatment. These patients do not
do well in general hospitals with their
attendant attitudes of physical illness.
These cases must of course be carefully
selected and transferred from general

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hospitals upon recommendation of the NP
staff. By means of graded exercise,
rest and psychotherapy these patients
could be more speedily returned to duty
or if this is impossible they will at
least be returned to civilian life in
a normal pre-enlistment emotional level.
It must be emphasized that these are not
activities for the institutional care of
protracted neuropsychiatric conditions.

Portable field prosthetic and dental
operative units developed by Comdr. C.
E. Allen, (DC), USN., War Planning, and
E. H. Sheldon Co., are being procured
for overseas units. These units can be
flown by plane and thus provide dental
care to personnel located in isolated
places

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Feb. 4: Night Vision Board: Lt. Comdr.
Alfred W. Eyer, (MC), USN., and Lt.
Ancel P. Weenback HV(S) USNR.

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Feb. 2: By Captain Arthur H. Yando
Comdr. Ralph W. Taylor
Comdr. Rae D. Pitton
Comdr. Clifford De Forde
Lt. Comdr. Carl Schlack,
all Dental Corps, U. S. N., given at
convention of the Pennsylvania State
Dental Society, Hotel Benjamin Franklin,
Philadelphia, Pa., included problems of
oral surgery, pathology and prosthetic
dentistry.

HOSPITAL CORPS

Direct enlistments in the Hospital Corps
Class V-6, U. S. Naval Reserve, have
fallen off considerably since the appli-
cation of Selective Service regulations
to all men between the ages of 18 and
38. Beginning February 1, 1943, appli-
cants for the Hospital Corps in these
age brackets will be inducted through
the action of Joint Army-Navy Induction
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Boards. The ratio for general service induction for the month of February is: Army, 4.4 to Navy 1, for white inductees; Army 10.5 to Navy 1, for Negro inductees. This ratio for the Navy will make up the overall quota for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard requirements. Inductees will be screened at training stations to determine professional qualifications in order to determine their fitness for various branches.

HOSPITAL CORPS WAVES

The Surgeon General has requested from the Bureau of Naval Personnel the procurement of 5800 Hospital Corps Waves for assignment to various continental naval activities in order to relieve hospital corpsmen now assigned to shore establishments for sea duty. When the program of procurement is fully under way it is expected that the increment will be at the rate of 100 technicians and 500 general service Waves per month.

These Wave members of the Hospital Corps are enlisted as Apprentice Seamen, V-10, U.S. Naval Reserve. They undergo a routine period of Wave indoctrination at Wave schools. Following this recruit training, Hospital Corps Waves are advanced to Hospital Apprentice ratings and transferred to the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., (or to such other naval hospitals as may be designated), for further indoctrination and duty in the Hospital Corps.

The first groups of Wave technicians have been received at Bethesda and San Diego, and are now undergoing indoctrination in Hospital Corps duties. Lieut. W. P. Briggs is now at Cedar Falls, Iowa, screening Wave recruits to make up the second monthly quota of 100 technicians. It is hoped that the program of procurement for the over-all quota of 600 per month will be under way by March or April at the latest.

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ADMINISTRATIVE WAVES

38 Yeomen Waves have been requested from Bupers for assignment to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as replacements of hospital corpsmen now employed on administrative details. This Bureau's quota of Wave Yeomen is expected to arrive shortly after March 15.

NURSE CORPS

Feb. 4: Captain Sue S. Dauser, Nurse Corps, USN., reappointed for a second four-year term as Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Feb. 4: 15 members of the Nurse Corps promoted to higher commissions rank as follows:

Assistant Superintendents

Lt. to Comdr.

Loretta Lambert (BuMed)

Mary D. Towse (N.H. San Diego)

Directors

Lt. to Lt. Comdr.

Helen M. Buntz (N.H. Norfolk)

Elizabeth M. O'Brien (BuMed)

Myrtle I. Carver (N.H. St. Albans)

Anna G. Keating (N.H. St. Albans)

Lt. (jg) to Lt.

Edith N. Lindquist (Torpedo School, Newport)

Katherine M. Gallagher (NAB, San Diego)

Margaret M. Morris (N.H. Portsmouth)

Frances G. Bonner (N.H. Annapolis)

Pearl T. Hull (N.H. Corpus Christi)

Irene M. Lannon (NAB, San Diego)

Ethel J. McCormack (N.H. Pensacola)

Ruth E. Anthony (N.H. Newport)

Sophia E. Deaterla (N.H. Chelsea)

Promotions authorized by Pub. 888 - "Act to increase allowances of the Army Nurse Corps, and other pay purposes." Approved 12-22-1942.

GENERAL NEWS

Feb. 4: Rear Admiral L. Sheldon, Jr., (MC) USN., addressed the National Rehabilitating Committee, American Legion at

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the Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C.
Subject: "The BuMed Program for Rehabilitation."

Feb. 3: Lt. George A. Fox, (HC), USN., for the White House Dispensary, received the first "V" Certificate Award of the American Pharmaceutical Association. This award is given to retail pharmacists who contribute their Quinine stock to the National Quinine Pool which is to be used by the armed forces in combatting Malaria. The award was presented to Lt. Fox by Robert W. Rodman, Editor, Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Institute of Pharmaceutical Science.

Additional space has been allotted to the Naval Dispensary in Rooms 1315, 1316, 1317 and 1318, Arlington Annex.--
Feb. 9: Rooms 1921, 1923 and 1925 will be made available in the Main Navy Building.

Nov. 19: The Secretary of the Navy authorized assignment of enlisted cooks and mess attendants to Naval hospitals due to the shortage of civilian labor and inadequate housing.

The Section of Audio-Visual Education of the Division of Preventive Medicine reports completion of a series of First Aid films under the title, "Personnel Damage Control." BuPers is preparing an accompanying manual.

An instructional film on the use of the Stader Splint is now ready for distribution. Plans have been completed for a series of training films for the Hospital Corps, and a slide film to aid hospital corpsmen in the study of metrology is nearing completion.

NOTICES

The Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual will be available for distribution to the Naval Service within two weeks. In order to make an adequate distribution to all bureaus and offices in the Navy Department, it is requested that each Bureau specify the number of copies required.

New binders will not be furnished at this time however, the Manual will fit in the old Bureau of Navigation Manual binder.

Officers entitled to receive the BuPers Manual are requested to send their names to the DIVISION OF PUBLICATIONS, where a group requisition for the Manuals desired by BuMed personnel will be prepared.

The Federal Income Tax Information Pamphlet recently circulated throughout the Navy Department is OUT OF PRINT. There are no copies available and BuSanda requests that applications for them be discontinued.

VISITORS

Jan. 30: Captain Bertram Groesbeck, Jr., (MC), USN., S. M. O. N.A.S. and School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Fla.

Feb. 6: Major General A. A. Vandegrift, U.S.M.C., recently returned from Marine Corps Command in Guadalcanal.

WAR NOTE

Report of Dental Operations from First Marine Division, F.M.F., notes that three Japanese patients were treated for fractures of the mandible. No information is available as to the cause.

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